

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11449–S11501

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1881–1886, and S. Res. 275–279. **Pages S11476–77**

Measures Reported:

S. 1516, to reauthorize Amtrak, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–143) **Page S11476**

Measures Passed:

Rebirthing Therapy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 276, expressing the sense of the Senate that the attachment therapy technique known as rebirthing is a dangerous practice and should be prohibited. **Pages S11499–S11501**

Red Ribbon Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 277, supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week. **Pages S11497–98**

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 278, designating the week of October 23, 2005, through October 29, 2005, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Pages S11498–99**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, to authorize testimony in State of Mississippi v. Edward Statecum. **Page S11499**

Naval Vessels Transfer: Senate passed S. 1886, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. **Page S11499**

Month of Global Health: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 225, designating the month of November 2005 as the “Month of Global Health”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11499**

Transportation/Treasury/HUD Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11453–72**

Adopted:

Brownback/Landrieu Amendment No. 2071, to make appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages S11453–58**

By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 256), Kyl Amendment No. 2062, to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost-of-living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2006. **Pages S11458–60**

Bond Amendment No. 2079, to ensure that public housing agencies will receive adequate funding for section 8 project-based vouchers. **Page S11461**

Bond Amendment No. 2109, to provide the Judicial Branch with certain procurement authorities. **Pages S11471–72**

Pending:

Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 2063, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S11453, S11469–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. **Page S11501**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—256) **Page S11460**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:46 a.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11501.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, focusing on the Architect of the Capitol's progress in managing the project's schedule since the Subcommittee's last hearing, the status of an integrated schedule, fire protection, and cost, receiving testimony from Alan Hartman, Architect, and Bob Hickson, Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, both of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, November 15.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably the following bills:

S. 1562, to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to require the use of appropriated funds when the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development disposes of certain properties or loans in a discount transaction.

Also, Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and agreed on recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget thereon.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on reducing losses to the Program resulting from policy subsidies and repetitive loss properties, and developing accurate digital flood maps, after receiving testimony from David I. Maurstad, Acting Director, Federal Insurance Administrator, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate,

Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Chris Landsea, Tropical Prediction Center, National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, and Douglas J. Elliott, Center on Federal Financial Institutions, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert P. Hartwig, Insurance Information Institute, New York, New York; and Chad Berginnis, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., and Mark J. Browne, University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Business, both of Madison, Wisconsin.

DERIVATIVES MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine growth and development of the derivatives market, focusing on the role of derivatives as a part of risk management for corporations and financial entities, after receiving testimony from James Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., Joseph P. Bauman, JB Risk Consulting, LLC, on behalf of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., Paul Bennett, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., and Charles Smithson, Rutter Associates, LLC, all of New York, New York.

WINTER FUELS OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the winter fuels outlook and the effect of high prices this coming winter, focusing on the Energy Information Administration Short-Term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook which provides energy supply, demand and price projections and winter fuel expenditure expectations, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Tom Kuhn, Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.C.; Laurence M. Downes, New Jersey Resources, Wall, on behalf of the American Gas Association; Peter R. Smith, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials; and Jack Sullivan, New England Fuel Institute, Watertown, Massachusetts.

ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national capacity for producing innovation in energy technologies and the importance of this innovation to our global economic competitiveness, including the results of a recent related National Academy of Sciences report,